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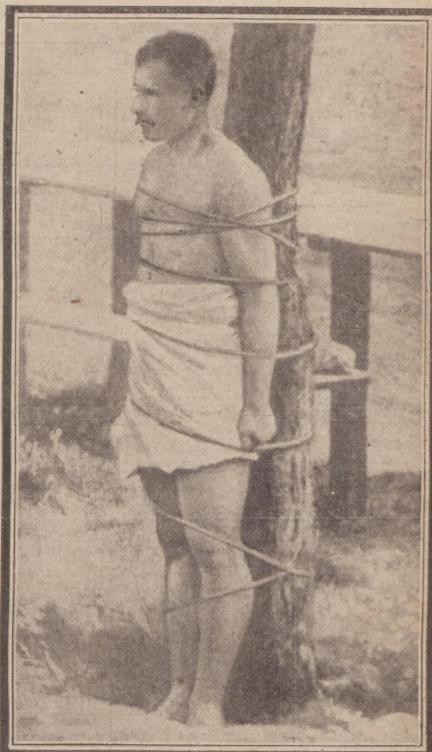
RUSSIAN PRISONERS BOUND TO TREES IN GERMANY—FACTS  
TO CONTROVERT HUN FICTIONS.



Bound with feet raised above the ground.



Pulling the ropes as tight as possible.



Left with only a scanty covering.

Only recently von Stein, the Hun War Minister, told the Reichstag that it was intended to take reprisals because serious cruelties were inflicted on German prisoners in France. His statement was a tissue of lies, and these photographs, taken at a camp at Lams-

dorf (Silesia) prove beyond doubt that disgraceful, but typically 'Prussian,' treatment has been meted out to the Tsar's soldiers, and this long before there was any suggestion made by our enemies against the Allies.—(By courtesy of *L'Illustration*.)

SIR STANLEY MAUDE'S FAMILY ON WAR WORK—MAKE MESOPOTAMIA DAY A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.



Lady Maude.



Miss Beryl Maude.



Miss Stella Maude.



Lieutenant Eric Maude.

While Sir Stanley Maude is shattering the Pan-German dream of a road to India, his family are assisting in other ways to win the war. His son Eric holds a commission in the R.H.A., while Lady Maude works whole-heartedly for the Mesopotamia com-

forts fund. Miss Beryl Maude is in the Hertfordshire Motor Volunteers, while Miss Stella Maude is organising a flag day (April 13) in aid of her father's troops. She asks the public to make it a brilliant success.—(Exclusive to *The Daily Mirror*.)



## 'LANCASHIRE WILL BE SET ABLAZE'

Government's Refusal to Withdraw Cotton Duties.

### M.P.s TAKE ACTION.

One of the most dramatic interviews that has ever taken place between a Cabinet Minister and members of a protesting deputation was the subject of general comment last night.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for India, was the Minister, while the deputation represented the great Lancashire cotton industry. It asked the Minister for the removal of the increase in the Indian import duties on cotton goods.

Words of the utmost candour were used on both sides. Thus:

**Deputation Speakers.**—To set Lancashire ablaze on the question is a great misfortune. The policy embarked upon will create feelings of animosity and arouse passions.

It is the heaviest blow that Lancashire has yet had to suffer.

**Mr. Austen Chamberlain.**—To reverse the Government's decision would be a calamity. I cannot hold out any hope whatever and it is not kind to keep you in uncertainty. The cotton trade is asking not for equality but for a favoured position which is not enjoyed by any other industry.

#### WANT OF KNOWLEDGE.

Here is the cause of the dispute in a nutshell:

Hitherto the Indian import duty of 3½ per cent, has been balanced by a similar excise duty on Indian manufactures. Under the new Indian Budget it is proposed to leave the excise duty at 3½ per cent, while raising the import duty to 7½ per cent.

Sir Henry Norman, M.P., in introducing the deputation, said that they represented:—

80,000 looms.  
55,000,000 spindles.  
£75,000,000 capital (with contributory trades).  
450,000 operatives.

Export trade of \$127,000,000, "more than a quarter of the entire export trade of the United Kingdom."

Mr. J. Smeethurst, on behalf of the cotton spinners, said that if anything was calculated to make Lancashire believe that all her energies were not needed to be devoted to the war and the great cause which it represented, this proposed scheme would do so.

Mr. Chamberlain: I am sorry to hear you say that. (Several voices: "It is quite true," and "And the adjacent counties, too.")

Mr. Austen Chamberlain in reply stated that it was impossible to grant what was asked. He pointed out that the increase was necessitated by fiscal necessities. It was a necessary contribution to the charges on India's proposed loan of £120,000,000.

"Seeing how strongly you feel, how obviously, though I think mistakenly (loud cries of "No!")—seeing how generally, though I think mistakenly, you are apprehensive for the effect upon your trade, I do not complain of the force or strength with which you have put your views."

"I am afraid that another impression is very clearly left upon my mind," said Mr. Chamberlain. "It is that the Lancashire cotton trade which separates the feeling of Lancashire from the feeling of England—"

There was some interruption, and Mr. Chamberlain, asking for forbearance, finished his sentence with the words:—"both in feeling and knowledge."

Last night the deputation met the Lancashire members of the House of Commons and passed a resolution calling upon the Government to oppose the Indian protective duties on cotton.

It was afterwards arranged that the M.P.s should endeavour to secure an interview with Mr. Lloyd George in order to explain the position to him personally.

In the last extremity it is understood that they will vote against the Government in the debate to-morrow.

### CAN BEAT U BOATS.

Mr. Lloyd George Says Farmers Can Destroy Prussia's Last Hope.

"The farmers of this country can defeat the German submarine and when they do so they will destroy the last hope of the Prussian."

This is one of the striking phrases in a letter which Mr. Lloyd George has sent to the secretaries of County War Agricultural Committees and others interested in the production of food.

Among the points emphasized by Mr. Lloyd George are:—  
The production of each quarter of wheat and oats and each bushel of potatoes is of vital importance.

The next few weeks will decide the harvest of the year.

The imperative demands of the war (says Mr. Lloyd George) have made it impossible to avoid calling up men fit for active service, even though skilled in farming.



Anzac signallers wiring up battalion headquarters in newly captured trenches on the Somme.—(Australian official photograph.)

## GOVERNMENT'S "NO." NO POTATO RATION.

Evidence in Dardanelles Report Not To Be Published.

### "NOT IN PUBLIC INTEREST."

The Government decline to sanction the publication of the evidence in the Dardanelles Report.

This announcement was made by Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Commons last evening.

Mr. Asquith, who raised the subject in a question, had also asked whether an opportunity would be afforded the House for the discussion of the report.

Mr. Bonar Law: In this report the Commissioners stated that they did not recommend the publication of the evidence because, to quote their own words, parts of it deal either with naval or military considerations or with the relationship between His Majesty's Government and their Allies which could not, without serious detriment to the public interest, have been published. In these circumstances the Government are not prepared to give instructions for their publication.

Sir Stephen Collins: Would it not have been better not to issue the report?

Mr. Bonar Law: As the House knows, the Government, as we thought, were bound to issue the report in consequence of the Act of Parliament appointing the Commission.

Mr. Churchill: With regard to the excisions made by the Government, will the right hon. gentleman state if he is responsible for these excisions?

Mr. Bonar Law: The excisions were made on the representation of three departments—the Foreign Office, the Admiralty and the War Office. The Cabinet is responsible for the excisions.

Mr. G. Lambert asked whether there would be an opportunity of discussing these reports.

An Hon. Member: After the war.  
Mr. Bonar Law gave an answer which was inaudible.

### DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT.

Complications Cause More Anxiety, Says Official Bulletin.

The following bulletin regarding the illness of the Duchess of Connaught was issued last night:—

"Her Royal Highness has passed a more restful day, but the unfavourable features referred to in this morning's bulletin are causing more anxiety.—James Fowler, Bertrand Dawson, Edward Worthington."

Yesterday morning's bulletin was as follows: "Her Royal Highness has passed a restless night. The bronchial-pneumonia persists."

"The heart action is weaker, complications incidental to the severe illness of four years ago having supervened."

The Duchess was taken ill with influenza and bronchitis on February 13, and during convalescence measles developed, accompanied by broncho-pneumonia.

The King and Queen, Queen Alexandra and other members of the Royal Family made constant inquiries yesterday.

### WARNING TO FOOD HOGS.

What Happened to Family Who Hid 200lbs. of Sugar.

#### From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Monday.—Misfortune has overtaken a Parisian family that stored up 200lbs. of sugar to provide against accidents and eventualities now that it is rationed.

To guard against their provision being requisitioned they hid it away in the servant's room in the attic.

Suddenly the girl was taken ill with typhoid fever.

No one now dares to touch the sugar lest it should be infected with disease germs.

The papers publish this story as a warning to others who wish to secure more than their share of provisions intended for the whole population.

More Housewives Making Their Own Bread.

### BAN ON SUNDAY BAKING.

Mr. Bathurst informed Mr. MacCallum Scott in the House of Commons yesterday that the Food Controller does not propose to ration potatoes.

In answer to Mr. Brookes, he also said that the Food Controller did not propose to fix a voluntary ration embracing other staple articles of food in addition to meat, bread and sugar.

The Food Controller's Order which makes it impossible to purchase bread less than twelve hours old is inducing an increasing number of housewives to bake their own bread.

Bakers do not protest against the revival of this custom, but several of them pointed out to *The Daily Mirror* yesterday that people who bake their own bread are bound on their honour to observe the terms of the order, and home-made bread should be half a day old before it is eaten.

Sunday baking is forbidden by law, but many bakers confessed to *The Daily Mirror* that they baked bread on Sunday last. They held that they were obliged to do so, or yesterday's bread would have been two days old.

"It can be safely assumed that the authorities will not take action against bakers who do bake on Sunday," said Mr. W. Morton, of Messrs. W. Hill and Sons.

"After all, if it is right to work on the land on Sunday for the production of war food, and the authorities have just made a special appeal for Sunday labour, it is equally right to bake bread on the Sabbath Day."

Bakers themselves, however, are not very keen on employing Sunday labour. We must pay our 'hands' double pay for Sunday work, and that we cannot do without raising the price.

### SCENE AT TRIBUNAL.

Heated Protest from a C2 Man at House of Commons.

A man with a limp who was told by the House of Commons Tribunal yesterday that as a C2 man he must join up, having failed to obtain work under the substitution scheme, created a scene.

When the decision was given the man became excited.

Mr. Piggett: You are passed C2.  
Applicant (warmly): No matter if I am passed C5. You cannot take a cripple and put an unfit man into the Army.

As the applicant did not desist, Mr. Piggett threatened to call in the police, but Captain Anstey settled the matter by opening the door and inviting the man to come along.

Still voicing protests, the applicant obeyed.

### JOCKEY'S NIGHT RIDE.

Lieut. Wm. Griggs' Part in Fight in Egyptian Desert.

Describing how the British armoured cars bewildered the enemy Senussi on the Siwa oasis in a night attack, Mr. W. T. Massey (writing from General Headquarters in Egypt) says that among the car officers in front of the position was Lieutenant William Griggs, the famous jockey, who has just received the Military Cross from the hands of Sir Archibald Murray.

Griggs' friends on the Turf (says Mr. Massey) will be pleased to hear that more than two years of active service have not affected his horsemanship, for last Saturday he took advantage of two days' leave by riding in great form in the Cairo Derby and adding the principal race in Egypt to his long list of Turf triumphs.

Lieutenant Griggs.

## M.P.s DISCUSS BILL FOR NATIONAL SERVICE.

Proposals To Be Submitted to Advisory Committee.

### EPISODE OF THE HAT.

That Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Director-General of National Service, is going to appoint an advisory committee, to whom he would submit his proposals before he took action, was stated by Sir George Cave in the House of Commons yesterday in the course of a debate on the National Service Bill as amended.

Mr. Pringle had moved an amendment to the effect that any order restricting any occupation should be laid before each House of Parliament for ten days before coming into force.

The amendment was supported, among others, by Mr. Outhwaite, Mr. Hazleton, Mr. J. H. Thomas and Commander Wedgwood, the latter objecting to the disruption of the great pottery trade being in the hands of one man.

Mr. Hayes Fisher said if the amendment were carried it would tie the hands of the Director-General in a way that was not desirable.

Mr. R. Macdonald suggested that a committee of the House should be set up to exercise control over the Director-General of National Service.

Mr. H. Samuel thought the suggestion of Mr. Ramsey Macdonald was well worth the consideration of the Government.

Sir G. Cave said that the Government could not possibly accept the suggestion that a statu-

### "THE DAILY MIRROR."

Readers of "The Daily Mirror" are urged to give their newsgroup a definite order for the paper.

Owing to the Government restriction of paper supplies it may be necessary soon to end the trade concession of allowing newsgroups credit for unsold newspapers.

In that event the newsgroup will be unable to supply casual buyers. To avoid the chance of not getting your "Daily Mirror" give your newsgroup a specific order for it.

tory committee should be set up, because a Minister must be responsible for his action. Mr. Pemberton Billing, having borrowed Mr. T. P. O'Connor's hat, rose, amid laughter, to ask whether it was in order to call a division before every member of the House who desired to speak had been given an opportunity of being heard on the amendment.

No answer was given.

The closure was carried, and in another division the amendment was defeated by 162 to 97.

Mr. Farrell moved that the Act should not extend to Ireland.

Mr. Duke said the Bill would not compel a man to leave Ireland against his will, nor compel any engaged in agriculture or industry to leave Ireland or remove from other part of the country to another.

It would, however, enable persons willing to migrate to migrate in Ireland or to England and earn higher wages than they could get at home.

### "A GENTLEMAN FROM BIRMINGHAM."

Mr. Scanlan said they objected to interference with their few industries by a gentleman from Birmingham, who knew even less about Ireland than the Chief Secretary.

Mr. G. Harmsworth thought that if the Irish members succeeded in excluding Ireland from the Bill they would estrange themselves from the rest of the House.

Mr. Devlin said the Bill was no boon to Ireland. "Your own countrymen," said Mr. Devlin, "until you give us the liberties which will enable us to be partners in your glories as well as being the victims of your maladministration."

The Queen to Attend.—Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Earl of Derby, Mr. Prothero and Mr. John Hodge will be the only men taking part in the National Service for women meeting at the Albert Hall on March 17. The Queen will occupy the royal box.

Lord Selborne, in appealing for National Service volunteers, says: "Who does not serve the King serves the Kaiser."  
Staff Controller.—Sir Home Gordon, Bart. (partner in Messrs. Williams and Gordon), has accepted the post of Controller of the Staff of the National Service Department.

### BUILT HIS OWN GRAVE.

Bishop's Sermon at the Brief Funeral of Count Zeppelin.

ROTTERDAM, Monday.—The funeral of Count Zeppelin took place this afternoon at Stuttgart. Many years ago Zeppelin erected his own grave vault at Prag Cemetery, Stuttgart. Hence the Countess declined the offer to give the Count a tomb in the royal cemetery recently made to her by the King of Wurtemberg. The latter was present at the funeral, which consisted merely of a sermon from the Bishop of Stuttgart.

The Kaiser commanded General von Hoepfner, Commander-in-Chief of the German Air Force, to attend the obsequies, and thousands of Zeppelin's workmen from Friedrichshafen arrived by special train.—Exchange.



# BRITISH CAVALRY PURSUING TURKS FROM BAGDAD

## Turks Lose Two-Thirds of Their Guns and Large Quantities of Material.

### REINFORCED FOE FOUGHT STUBBORNLY.

#### Our Troops Made Night March on City—Russians Chasing Turks in Persia—Rapid Progress.

The outstanding points regarding the campaign against the Turks are as follow:—  
**BRITISH.**—The Turks are fleeing from Bagdad in the direction of Mosul, pursued by the British cavalry, says a Rome Wireless Press message, and Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Commons last night said that the march from Kut to Bagdad (110 miles) was accomplished in fifteen days. His main points were:—

The Turks received reinforcements and offered a stubborn resistance. Our troops made a brilliant night march on Bagdad.

Two-thirds of the Turks artillery had fallen into our hands or had been thrown in the river by him.

Many prisoners were taken.

General Maude had not only been able to feed his army, bring up ammunition and deal with the wounded, but he now reported he could provide for the whole of his forces.

"This reflected the greatest credit on all concerned," concluded Mr. Bonar Law.

**RUSSIAN.**—The Turks are also being chased by the Russians in Persia and they have been driven from the Bisutin position, about 125 miles from Khanikin, the frontier town to which the Turks are making. Khanikin is about 100 miles from Bagdad and the position of the Turks in this region would seem to be in jeopardy.

## "FIGHTING IN THE AIR WAS CONTINUOUS."

### British Improve Their Position North-East of Bouchavesnes.

**BRITISH OFFICIAL.**

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Monday.

8.34 P.M. — We improved our position slightly during the night north-east of Bouchavesnes.

The enemy trenches in the same neighbourhood were entered by our patrols at other places and a few prisoners were secured by us.

This morning we raided the German trenches south of Arras and, in spite of strong resistance by his garrison, bombed his dug-outs and inflicted many casualties on the enemy.

Artillery activity on both sides has been most marked in the Ancre area, in the neighbourhood of Arras and Neuville St. Vaast, and in the Ypres sector.

There was considerable activity yesterday, and much successful bombing and reconnaissance work was carried out by our aeroplanes.

Air fighting was continuous. Nine enemy machines were brought down or driven down damaged, four of which are known to have been destroyed. Five of our machines are missing.

## FRENCH MAKE PROGRESS IN CHAMPAGNE.

### German Surprise Blows Fail—Twelve Machine Guns Taken.

**FRENCH OFFICIAL.**

Between Soissons and Rheims an enemy surprise attack directed against one of our trenches in the region of Paisy was completely repulsed by our fire.

The enemy sustained loss and left prisoners in our hands.

Towards Maisons de Champagne in the course of the night we made fresh progress with hand grenades.

There were patrol encounters in the sector of Anberve.

The number of machine guns which we captured from the enemy on March 8 in the region of Maisons de Champagne amounts to twelve. In the Woivre we made a successful raid into the German trenches north of Seicheprey.

In Lorraine there was patrol fighting. We took some prisoners near St. Martin, north-west of Badonvillers.—Reuter.

**BIG GUNS BUSY IN ALSACE.**

ZURICH, Monday.—Owing to the increasing bombardment of the German lines the village of Liebsdorf, on the Swiss frontier, has been evacuated by its inhabitants.—Central News.

[Liebsdorf is on the borders of Alsace, about twelve miles east of Dele and, roughly, the same distance south of Altkirch.]

## AMERICAN SHIPS TO CARRY AN ARMED GUARD.

### Guns for Munitions Ships as Well as Passenger Liners?

WASHINGTON, Monday.—The State Department has issued to all diplomats the following notice:

In view of the announcement made by Germany on January 31 that all ships, neutrals included, met with in certain zones would be sunk without precautions being taken for the safety of those on board and without a preliminary search visit, the Government of the United States has determined to place upon all American merchant vessels sailing through the barred zones an armed guard for the protection of the vessels and the lives of the persons on board. This statement is construed as meaning that gunners of the American Navy will be assigned

## THE NAVY'S CONGRATULATIONS.

The following telegram has been received by General Sir William Robertson from Admiral Sir David Beatty:—

"Please accept and convey to General Maude and his gallant forces the admiration and congratulations of the Grand Fleet upon their magnificent achievement in capturing Bagdad."

The message has been forwarded to Sir Stanley Maude.

to ships, and also that it is the intention of the Government to arm not only passenger ships, but also munition ships.—Exchange.

Mr. Wilson's health has now greatly improved, and he has resumed his official duties.—Central News.

## GERMANY'S "LAST STRAW."

NEW YORK, Monday.—According to Havana messages, members of Mr. Gerard's party declare that the people of Germany are starving. They assert that the last straw which will break the camel's back must come for the German people before another year has passed, and that once they come to learn that the harvest has failed and that the supply of men has run short the people will realise the failure which has hitherto been so carefully kept hidden from them.

Mr. Gerard's party confirm the reports that the Kaiser is suffering from ill-health.—Central News.

## WAR IN A MONTH.

PARIS, Monday.—The special correspondent of the *Matin*, telegraphing from New York under date March 10, says:—

I am authorised to state that the President and his Ministers have no illusion as to what is now transpiring, and consider that within a month war will have broken out between Germany and the United States.—Exchange.

## ATLANTIC FLEET READY.

WASHINGTON, Monday.—The American Atlantic Fleet is at present at a strategic point south, under steam and awaiting orders. One thousand armed wooden vessels of 4,000 tons each have been ordered for coast defence; twenty thousand surgeons enrolled in the nation's defence corps.—Wireless Press.



The British are pursuing the Turks beyond Bagdad, and the routed enemy army is retiring on Mosul.

## PREPOSTEROUS TO GIVE EAST AFRICA BACK.

### General Smuts in London—Union Troops for Europe.

Lieutenant-General the Right Hon. J. C. Smuts, P.C., arrived in London from South Africa at 5.30 p.m. yesterday.

In an interview with Reuter's representative, General Smuts said:—

Now that most of the Union troops are back from German East Africa I have no doubt that they will volunteer in thousands for Europe.

The campaign in East Africa may be said to be over. What is delaying the absolute end is the fact that March and April are the heavy rainy season.

After them the Germans will have to surrender or go into Portuguese territory. It is merely a remnant of an army that is left.

## OF ENORMOUS VALUE.

The campaign will be brought to an end by the native battalions I have trained. In May they can move, and the thing will be finished.

The country is enormously valuable, and probably the best part of tropical Africa, with magnificent soil and unlimited scope for all tropical products.

The Germans looked upon it as a most valuable asset, and sank millions of money on its plantation.

Nothing has given greater pleasure than Mr. Long's statement that no German colony can go back to Germany. The mere suggestion that any part should be returned is, of course, preposterous.

I shudder to think what would happen to the native population if any part were returned.

## FOE CLAIM ALLIES LOST SIXTEEN AEROPLANES.

### Violent Shelling on the Ancre and in Champagne.

**GERMAN OFFICIAL.**

Western Theatre (Monday).—A very clear atmosphere was responsible for increased activity on the part of the long-range artillery and the airmen in many sectors of the front.

The firing was especially violent in the Ancre sector between Bucquoy and Le Transloy and lively in several sectors along the Aisne and in the Champagne.

To the south of Ripont the French attacked our positions early this morning. They were repulsed.

Owing to aerial attacks by our airmen the enemy lost sixteen aeroplanes and two captive balloons. One aeroplane was brought down by the fire of our anti-aircraft guns.—Admiralty per Wireless.

## RUSSIANS PUSHING ON IN PERSIA.

### Turks Driven from Bisutin Position—Our Ally's Advance on Kerimanshah.

**RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.**

On the 8th inst., in the direction of Hamadan our troops routed the Turks from their position near Bisutin and occupied it.

Hard pressed by our troops, the Turks withdrew to Hadjiabad.—Reuter.

The Russians are about 190 miles east of Bagdad.

## GAS ATTACKS ON RUSSIANS.

**RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.**

South-west of Lake Narotch, in the Zanvotch Stanovitsky sector, and in the region of Velitz, twenty-three miles south-east of Kovel, the enemy delivered gas attacks. We repulsed by our fire attempts by the enemy to take the offensive.—Reuter.

## BRITISH TAKE MANY TURKISH PRISONERS.

### Two-Thirds of Enemy Artillery in Our Hands.

## "BAGDAD INTACT."

Mr. Bonar Law, speaking in the House of Commons yesterday on the capture of Bagdad by Sir Stanley Maude's forces, said it was the sequel to a series of brilliant operations carried out by the British and Indian troops.

The enemy had lost many prisoners and large quantities of material, and they had reason to believe that two-thirds of the enemy artillery had fallen into our hands or had been thrown into the river by him.

On March 5 our cavalry came up with the Turkish rearguard twenty-seven miles from Bagdad and fought an action.

The Turks retreated during the night, abandoning a position which had been prepared for obstinate resistance.

## TURKS REINFORCED.

On March 7 the cavalry found the enemy on the Dila River, eight miles from Bagdad. The river was thirty yards wide and unfordable.

The cavalry were withdrawn and the infantry brought into action.

The Turks have received reinforcements from Bagdad and offered a stubborn resistance, occupying a position covering Bagdad on the south-west.

On the 7th and 8th we threw a bridge over the Dila at the confluence of the Tigris and the Dila, and the cavalry, supported by other troops, were sent across it.

These troops made a brilliant march towards Bagdad and found the enemy strongly posted six miles south-west of the town.

The enemy were at once attacked and driven to positions three miles in the rear. During the 9th and the 10th our troops, in spite of a dust storm, drove the enemy back within three miles of the outskirts of Bagdad at the same time our troops forced the passage of the Dila, and Bagdad was entered on the morning of March 11.

General Maude completed the victory of Kut-el-Amara by a pursuit of 110 miles in fifteen days, during which the Tigris was crossed three times.

This pursuit was conducted in a country destitute of supplies and at the beginning of the summer heat.

It was obvious that the operation could only have been carried out after the most careful arrangement.

## TURKS IN FLIGHT.

The city of Bagdad is intact, the Turkish Army is disorganised and is retiring in the direction of Mosul, pursued by British cavalry.

This is the interesting news which came to hand yesterday in a Wireless Press message from Rome, where, it is explained, the occupation of Bagdad by the British is considered the most decisive event in the war in Asia.

The whole of the Allied Press comment in jubilant tones on the British success.

French papers regard it as the beginning of great triumphs in the East.

The *Echo de Paris*.—This magnificent encircling movement has a still wider meaning. The triumphal British advance will have a demoralising effect on the enemy and will hasten the junction of the Russian and British forces. Of the much-coveted Antwerp-Bagdad line the Germans now hold one end—Antwerp—while our Allies now hold the other end—Bagdad—and part of the Pan-German dream has been destroyed.—Reuter.

The Dutch Press is unanimous in regarding the capture of Bagdad as a great British success.—Reuter.

## SILENT ABOUT BAGDAD.

Speaking in the Turkish Parliament, Enver Pasha, on his return from the Sinai front, admitted that the Turks had retired on the Mesopotamia and Persian fronts for military reasons.

**TURKISH OFFICIAL.**

Sinai Front.—A British aeroplane was brought down and the observer, an Australian officer, taken prisoner.

In the Hejaz a band of 500 Camel Corps troops was caught in an ambush and dispersed with heavy loss.—Reuter.

## ZURICH HAS A SURPRISE.

Zurich, Monday.—This morning the papers published a Turkish report announcing the defeat of the British Expeditionary troops on the Tigris with heavy loss.

A few hours later came the news of the fall of Bagdad.

To ensure a proper comprehension of the moral effect which it has produced it is necessary to recall that Zurich is the seat of the Bagdad Railway Company.—Central News.



## IF A CHILD IS CROSS, FEVERISH AND SICK,

Look, Mother! If Tongue is Coated,  
Cleanse the Little Bowels with  
"California Syrup of Figs."

Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely.

A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is that they become clogged with waste, the liver becomes sluggish, the stomach is disordered, and then your little one becomes cross, feverish, and does not eat, sleep or behave naturally. Often the breath is bad, and system "stuffy" with a cold; the child has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste-matter, sour bile and undigested food pass out of the system, and you have a healthy, playful child again.

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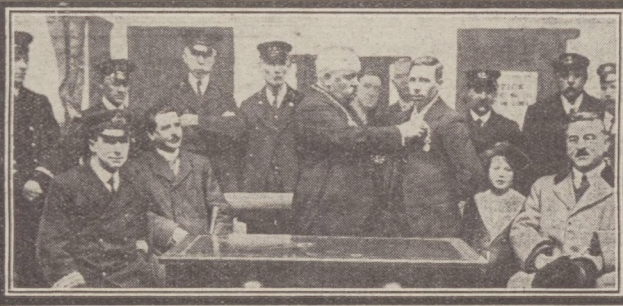


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Representatives of the Navy and mercantile marine watching Alderman Allon, the Mayor of South Shields, decorating ex-Sergeant James Lugton with the Military Medal. Lugton has served both in the Army and afloat since the war broke out.

## A PARIS TEA GOWN.



Teagown in blue taffeta and softly pleated tulle. The coat has pale pink roses at the waist.—(Drecol.)

## IN THE WAR NEWS.



2nd Lieut. C. W. Taylor, M.C., the well-known amateur sprinter, who has died of wounds.



Lee-Cpl. George Edward Every (Australian Force), who has just been awarded the Military Medal.

## TRAM SMASH ESCAPE.



Mrs. Haile, the conductress, who had a remarkable escape in the recent fatal tramway-car smash at Exeter.

## EIGHT MEN WHO ARE AMONG THE MISSING.



Lee-Cpl. Rattenbury (Oxford and Bucks L.I.). Write to 9, Richmond-terrace, Clapham-road, London.



Lee-Cpl. R. T. Hayward (Middlesex Regt.). Write to 48, Coningsby-rd., South Ealing, London, W.



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Pte. Woolfe Fisher (Oxford and Bucks L.I.). Write to 58a, Hanbury-street, Spitalfields, London.



Driver J. Miller Nairn, (R.G.A.). Write to Miss E. Clements, 27, St. Fillans-road, Catford, London.



Pte. W. V. Legg (Dorsets). Write to Scillonia, 14c, Ennswood-road, North End, Portsmouth.



Walter Carrington (Sussex). Write to Mrs. Carrington, Upper Dean, Kimbolton, Huntingdon.



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# Daily Mirror

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1917.

## A TONIC FOR MARCH.

OUR pessimistic friends have not yet had time to mobilise over the Fall of Bagdad. We must wait till Saturday and the weekly papers for a sign of their activity.

What shall we be told then?

No doubt that it is a disaster for us that Bagdad has been taken, because the air of the city is so bad for the health of Western soldiers and the waters not worth taking. Better Bath than Bagdad. . . .

By the rest of us, the good news has been unanimously welcomed as a tonic in the most trying month of the year. Gladly we hail it as precursor of much else that shall restore our "wounded name" in the Eastern world, and check, we hope for all time, the plague of invasive Kultur over it.

This great news has, for all imaginations, a brave symbolic value, in addition to its obvious material and military importance.

It is not in any way to be compared with the minor successes in remote lands that the late Government used to report gladly as a set-off against nearer failures. We remember those days when, opening his paper, Everyman would read:—

German advance in Rumania and in Russia. Heavy German attacks in France. British liner sunk.

And so on. Very depressing! But then, in the next column, you had:—

Sultan of Boomerang surrenders. Fifty camels captured.

And out of the mingling of the two sauces you were supposed patriotically to make a cheerful pudding.

Now, while Germany waits in her distress, or beats herself here and there in vain against iron walls, our brave troops score a great success on a spot whence the rumour of it will fly all over the East, and mark the turning of the tide there against the Kaiser as friend of all Mussulmans—exercising his characteristic function as friend, which is to drive all who know him to their deaths.

Will the Fall of Bagdad influence the Near-Eastern situation (as some comments imply) sufficiently to open the eyes of the Turk as to the value of the Kaiser's "protection"? Probably, by now, the rank and file do not need any further awakening on that point. But we must not expect any detachment of Turkey from her bondmasters. The grip is too close, as it is too close upon the "peace-crazy" Huns at home. Nothing will relax it but military defeat in the West also—a defeat so definite as to be undeniable even by the Lords of Kultur in Berlin. W. M.

## ULYSSES' COUNSEL.

... Degree being vizarded.  
The unwortheist shows as fairly in the mask.  
The heavens themselves, the planets, and this centre  
Observe degree, priority, and place;  
Insisture, course, proportion, season, form,  
Office, and custom, in all line of order;  
And therefore is the glorious planet Sol  
In noble eminence enthron'd and spher'd  
Amidst the other; whose medicinal eye  
Corrects the ill aspects of the planets evil,  
And posts, like the commandment of a king,  
Sans check, to good and bad: but when the planets  
In evil mixture to disorder wander,  
What plagues, and what portents, what mutiny,  
What raging of the sea, shaking of earth,  
Comotion in the winds, frigths, changes, horrors,  
Divert and crack, rend and deracinate  
The unity and married calm of states  
Quite from their fixtures! O! when degree is shak'd,  
Which is the ladder to all high designs,  
The enterprise is sick. —SHAKESPEARE.

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Most often revenge hurts both the offender and the sufferer; as we see in a foolish bee, which in her anger evenenemeth the flesh and loathes her sting, and so lives a drone ever after.—*Bishop Hall.*

## NEW WARTIME WORK FOR WOMEN.

### HELPING TO CAPTURE AN INDUSTRY FROM THE HUN.

By JAMES EARLE.

AT this stage in the war (as *The Daily Mirror* has often urged) "woman-power" and the skilful utilisation of woman's labour are amongst the pressing problems of the hour. Any indication that guides willing women to the right sort of work is therefore valuable.

It ought to be more widely known that such work—work of first-class national importance—is being done at the Northampton Polytechnic Institute, St. John-street, Clerkenwell, where classes to instruct women in the making of optical lenses have been established under the direct control of the Ministry of Munitions. And it is most desirable, from the

selves. The full course of training extends over twenty weeks, during which the selected student works for thirty-eight hours a week. In order to assist them during this period of training they are rated as apprentices and they receive an allowance of 10s. a week from the Ministry of Munitions.

The best of it is that, at the conclusion of this course, provided they have become sufficiently skilful, the women are certain of employment at from 25s. to 35s. a week, and the chances of rapid promotion are good. They are obliged to sign an agreement to remain under the orders of the Ministry of Munitions until three months after the declaration of peace.

### PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

Shorter courses have been arranged for those who cannot take the full course of twenty weeks. They vary in length from six weeks upwards. At the end of six weeks the

## WOMEN AS LAWYERS.

### WOULD THEY BE ABLE TO KEEP THEIR CLIENTS' SECRETS?

#### WOMAN'S WEAKNESS—PARTIALITY.

IT is erroneous to say that women, as a sex, cannot keep a secret. Many of them are extremely secretive—quite as capable as men, considered as a sex, of keeping their own counsel. Generalisations of this kind are always futile, because the "exceptions" are about as numerous as the cases which follow the rule.

Personally, I do not think women would succeed as solicitors—not because they could not keep the secrets which were entrusted to them by their clients, but because their judgment would be influenced by personal likes and dislikes. They would defend a person they liked through thick and thin, but their justification for negligence would be that they did not like the person concerned.

In other words, women have one code of honour towards people they like and another code towards people they dislike. They are not good cricketers. W. R.

## BIG AND LITTLE WILLIES' BAGDAD TRICK.



It falls, as most of their great Eastern acts have done. Bagdad is now under the Union Jack.—(By W. K. Haselden.)

### WISE MAN!

KING CHARLES II., urged on one occasion to give away a secret or something of a private nature, said to his noble pleader: "Can you keep a secret?" "Most faithfully," replied that nobleman. "So," said the King, "I was the Merry Monarch's laconic and rather severe answer. HERTFORDSHIRE CURATE.

### A MISPRINT.

IN your issue of Tuesday, February 27, you print two stanzas of Byron's Address to the Ocean from *Childe Harold*, and they contain the words "Thy waters wasted them when they were free, and many a tyrant since." This is, of course, absolute nonsense. How could waters waste a tyrant?

One day Mr. Murray thought of examining the original manuscript, and found that Byron wrote "Thy waters washed their power when they were free, and many a tyrant since," which is excellent sense.

"Power," somehow, got dropped out, and an ingenious press corrector altered "washed" to "wasted" for the sake of the metre.

It is a pity that this magnificent stanza should still be disfigured by this silly misprint, which has long been corrected. When shall we see the last of it?

OSCAR BROWNING.  
Palazzo Simonetti, via Pietro Cavallini, Roma.

### IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 12.—The amateur gardener is continually told not to sow seeds in soil that is wet and sticky. Should a long spell of bad weather prevail this month, the following hints may prove useful. Place a barrow or two of light soil under cover to dry, mixing it with some sifted ashes from the garden fire. This soil can be used when seeds have to be sown during unfavourable weather. Mix some of it with the surface of the bed and place a little at the bottom of the drills. Also cover the seeds with this dry mould. E. F. T.

national point of view, that the work should be continued after the war; for it will create an important factor in enabling the people of this country to capture a valuable German industry.

In 1916, at the request of the Ministry of Munitions, the training of women was undertaken, in order to supply the optical instrument makers with capable, well-qualified lens makers. The experiment was tried tentatively; but it was such an instant success that the Ministry of Munitions proceeded to install fully-equipped workshops.

This is the position of affairs at present, as far as the courses are concerned. It now only remains to explain the conditions under which a training can be obtained, and to show what are the prospects of those who qualify them-

partially-trained woman will be employed at a minimum wage of 15s. a week; when she has been at work for a further six weeks she will receive 17s. 6d. a week. And six weeks later her salary will be raised to 20s. a week.

Such, very briefly, are the conditions as regards wartime employment. Workers will find constant, interesting and skilled work waiting for them directly they are qualified; and when the war work ceases they are certain to find permanent and remunerative employment.

Primarily, these technical classes have been inaugurated to supply a very pressing naval and military need. A great part of the lenses which were used in this country before the war began were of German make; and when the supply was cut off the military

authorities found that they could not obtain anything like a sufficient quantity for the use of the forces. Probably the public can hardly realise what a very important part lenses play in modern warfare; but the appeal for field glasses for the use of officers on active service which was first made by the late Lord Roberts, and which is being carried on by his daughter, the present Countess Roberts, showed how vitally important glasses are to the modern soldier.

The success of an operation and the lives of many thousands of men may depend upon accurate observation. Under modern war conditions it is necessary to make these observations from a great distance; and unless reliable instruments are available, the lives of the observers must be needlessly exposed.

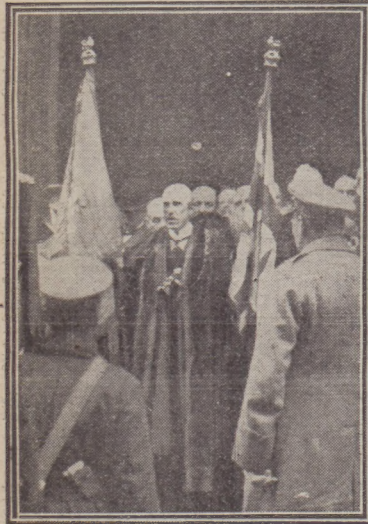


## VETERAN SERVES



President Poincaré pinning the War Cross on the breast of Signor Bissolati, the Italian Socialist, near the firing line in France. Though over sixty, Signor Bissolati joined the colours when war broke out.—(Exclusive to *The Daily Mirror*.)

## WHEN NEW GLORIES ARE ADDED.



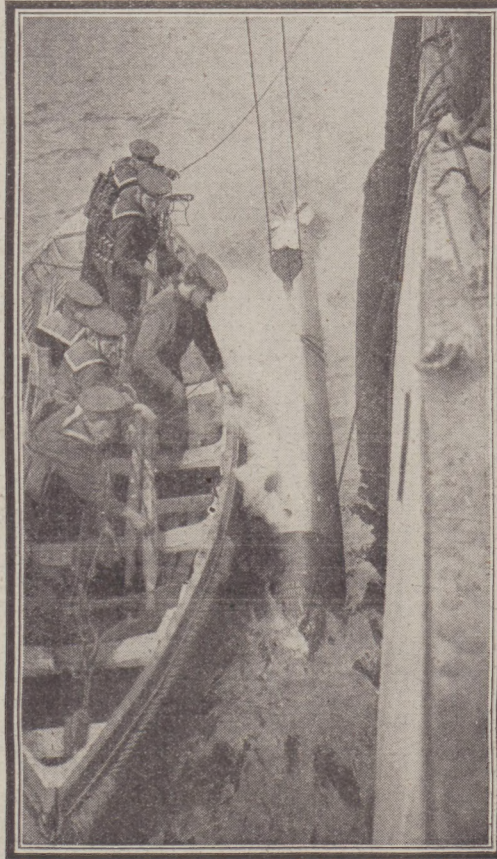
Officers of a Canadian battalion deliver their colours into the custody of the Lord Mayor of Bristol at the Council House. The emblems were afterwards placed in the cathedral, and will be redeemed with fresh laurels after the war.

## DEDICATING WARTIME ALLOTMENTS IN LONDON.

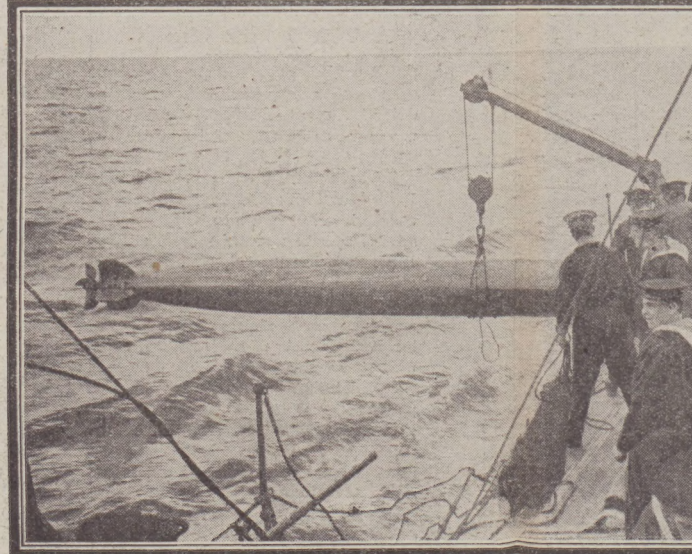


Open-air service held by the vicar of St. Hilda's, Crofton Park, to dedicate a large piece of ground which has been divided into allotments for vegetable growing.

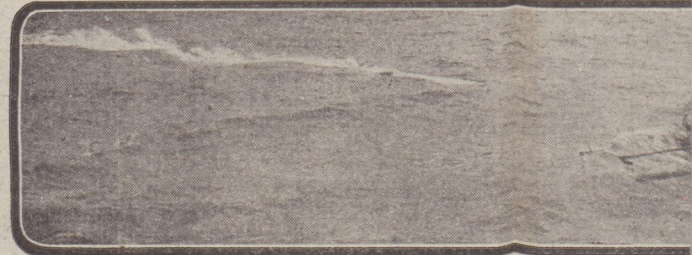
## REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPHS OF TORPEDO PRACTICE



Torpedo alongside being hooked to the davit falls.



The torpedo being swung inboard. More than one German ship was sent to the bottom.



The whaler nearing the torpedo, which can be detected by the smoke.

Keeping their hands in on board a "T.B.D." Note the smoke leaving the torpedo. This is caused by the action of the sea on

## OBITUARY AND SICK LIST.



Count Bobrinsky, Vice-President of the Russian Duma, who has had to resign owing to ill-health.



Sir Charles Holcroft, the Staffordshire ironmaster, who has died. He gave £100,000 to Birmingham University.

## SOLDIERS WORKING AT THE DOCKS.



In addition to working on the land, soldiers are helping to solve the labour problem at the docks, and the photograph shows a number of them unloading timber in London yesterday. They are doing much towards relieving the congestion.

## THEIR



The graves of two Monastirs. The Bulgarians rest their rest.



## PEDO PRACTICE ON BOARD A BRITISH DESTROYER.



More than one German ship was sent to the bottom by destroyers' torpedoes at Jutland.



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torpedo. This is caused by the action of the sea on a charge of calcium carbide in its head.—(Exclusive to *The Daily Mirror*.)



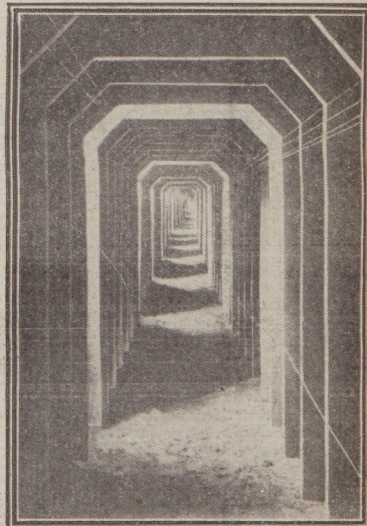
Torpedo hauled up and the whaler being hoisted.

## V.C. CAPTURES GUN



Sergeant Edward John Mott (Border Regiment), a new V.C. Although severely wounded in the eye, he made a rush for a machine gun which was holding up a company, and after a fierce struggle captured both the gunner and the gun.

## BY "TUBE" TO THE TRENCHES.



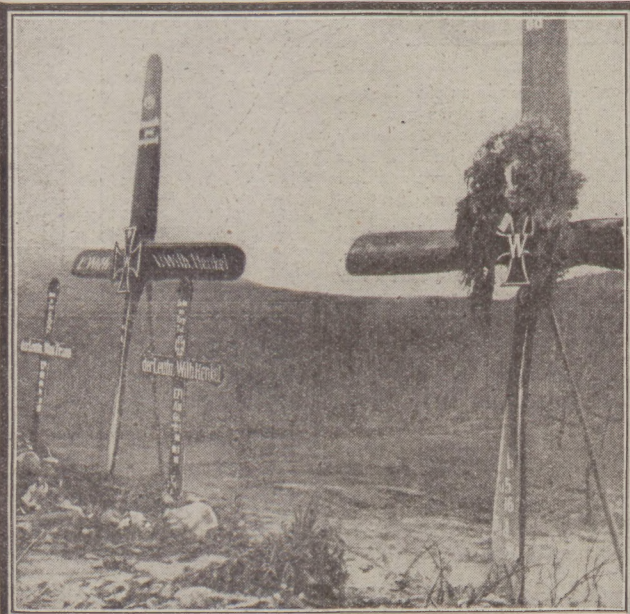
Miles of these tunnels have been built on the Belgian front for the fatigue parties which relieve the men in the firing line. Hundreds of lives have been saved in this way as otherwise the men would have been exposed to fire.

## DOCKS.



ve the labour problem hindering timber in London congestion.

## THEIR SCREWS ARE THEIR TOMBSTONES.



The graves of two German airmen who were brought down by the French guns near Monastir. The Bulgars, who at the time held the ground where they fell, have marked their resting-places with the screws of their damaged machines.

## PEOPLE IN TO-DAY'S NEWS.



Mr. W. R. Cummins, a Muswell Hill newspaper agent, who has raised £1,538 for the Salvation Army self-denial.



David Ballantine, a son-in-law of Mr. James O'Grady, M.P., who has had a severed arm replaced by operation.

## RAILWAY BRIDGE DEMOLISHED IN EAST AFRICA.



The work of the enemy near Ngerragese, East Africa. As will be seen, they made a thorough job of it.—(Exclusive to *The Daily Mirror*.)



# LADIES AND THE 'GREY HAIR' PROBLEM SPECIALIST'S NEW DISCOVERY.

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# THE PHANOMENON

By RUBY M. AYRES

## PEOPLE IN THE STORY.

**MICKY MELLOWES**, a rich bachelor, who has had all the good things of life, is able to help

**ESTHER SHEPSTONE**, a beautiful girl, who is earning her own living. Esther has a very high opinion of herself, because she is going to be married to

**RAYMOND ASHTON**, a good-for-nothing fellow who is going to throw the girl over.

**JUNE MASON**, who is Micky's friend, becomes Esther's friend. Micky confesses to June that he loves Esther. Driver tells Micky that he has been married to

Esther Shepstone.

ment of Ashton's marriage has appeared in the papers.

Micky and June arrange to get Esther away from London, in order that she may not learn about Raymond's treachery. When Esther and Micky are out motoring they stop at a wayside inn. Esther hears two men talking of Raymond's marriage.

She rushes away and starts for Paris. Micky follows and catches her up at Calais. Esther is unworthy; then she breaks down and sobs bitterly. Before the train arrives in Paris Micky confesses that he wrote the letters which had so delighted Esther.

Micky does not wish to intrude upon her, for he feels that his company is unwelcome. He goes away. Esther is very desolate. She drives to the hotel from which Micky had written to her; and there she meets Micky. He is very glad to see her and takes her back to London. He asks Esther to marry him.

Esther is full of remorse and says that she cannot marry Micky. He accepts the situation, and makes a compact of friendship.

A visitor comes to see Esther. He leaves his card—his name is George A. Rochester.

Rochester is very interested in Esther, and he is charmed by June. He invites them to lunch, and Micky is asked to complete the party.

Rochester tells June of his great affection for Esther's mother. He intended to adopt Esther and make her his heiress, but—she has changed his mind.

Rochester goes to see Micky, and he tells him how much June has impressed him. Micky is greatly relieved, for he thought that Rochester was in love with Esther.

Micky arranges, with Rochester's connivance, to transfer money to Esther, which is supposed to have been left by her father.

Days elapse during which Micky makes no sign. Esther and June go to a concert with Rochester, and there they see Micky with Marie Deland.

Marie Deland criticises June and makes disparaging comments upon Esther. Micky is furious, and Marie realises that Esther is the girl Micky loves.

Rochester tells Micky of his engagement to June. It spurs Micky's wounds to hear of another's happiness.

At a dance Marie Deland is told by Raymond Ashton that Micky and Esther have been in Paris together.

Micky confronts Ashton, and tells him that the lady who was in Paris with him is his wife.

## "I'M TIRED, THAT'S ALL."

IF Micky had dropped a bomb in the middle of the room it could hardly have created more consternation; the incredulity on the faces of the men around him would have been amusing to an onlooker, but to Micky the whole thing was a tragedy.

He had brought Esther to this—his blundering quixotism had dragged her name in the mire; he was nearly beside himself with remorse and fear for her.

If he had been free he would have half killed Ashton; his hands ached to get at him; to take him by his lying throat and choke the breath from his body.

He looked at the men around him with passionate eyes.

"I've never given any of you cause to doubt my word yet," he said hoarsely. "And I'm sure you'll agree with me that this man should be made to retract what he said and apologise." "Certainly—he ought to apologise," said the man who had been listening to Ashton's story eagerly enough a moment ago.

"What do you say, gentlemen?" There was a chorus of assent—the men who had been holding Micky's arms let him go. Ashton backed a step away.

His face was livid, his eyes furious, but he knew that there was no other course open to him; nobody in the room had any sympathy with him now.

"I apologise," he said, savagely. "I didn't know that—the lady—Mellows had married—the lady."

This tone added that even now he did not believe it; he edged away to the door and disappeared.

Micky had dropped into a chair; he looked thoroughly done up. Someone pushed a glass of whisky across to him. There was an uncomfortable silence. Perhaps they were all feeling quilty; perhaps they all remembered with what relish they had listened to this spicy bit of scandal concerning the most immune of all their crowd.

"Never could stand Ashton," someone said presently, in gruff abatement. "Worm—the man is l—perfect outsider."

There were several grunts of assent; the sympathy was decidedly with Micky.

After a moment he rose to his feet; he felt shaky and weak.

(Translator dramatic and all other rights secured.)

"I suppose an apology is due from me, too," he said; he spoke with difficulty. "But I think any of you—in the same circumstances—"

He waited a moment.

"Quite right—certainly... Should have done the same myself."

"And I am sure you won't let this go any further—for—for my wife's sake," he added, then.

They pressed round him, shaking him by the hand and reassuring him. Micky took it for what it was worth; he knew that those of them who were married men would go straight home and tell their wives of the scene at Hoopers', and he knew how speedily the story would spread.

But there was nothing more to be done; he got away as soon as he could and left the house.

He never gave Marie another thought; everything seemed vague and unreal till he found himself out in the street and walking away through the fresh spring night.

He took off his hat and let the air blow on his hot forehead; his hand still trembled with excitement, and his heart beat dully.

He tried to think, but his thoughts would not come clearly. He felt as if he had been looking on at some tragic happening, but had had no real share in it. When he got back to the room he asked Driver for a stiff brandy.

When the man brought it he looked at his master diffidently and asked if anything were the matter.

Micky laughed self-conssciously.

"What if I were if there is?" He glanced at himself in the mirror. His face was very white and there was a fierce look in his eyes. He shrugged his shoulders.

"Yes, there's nothing the matter. I'm tired, that's all."

Driver turned to the door, but Micky called him back.

"You've been with me a good many years, Driver," he said.

"Yes, sir."

"And you've been a faithful servant."

"Thank you, sir."

The man's stolidity did not change a fraction.

Micky took a gulp at the brandy.

"If you were to hear anyone say that I'm married, you wouldn't be surprised, would you?" he asked with a rush.

Driver stood immovable.

"Not in the least, sir."

"You would even say that you knew it, and that I've been married some weeks, wouldn't you?"

"I should, sir."

"Good—you may go."

"Thank you, sir, and good-night."

"Good-night," said Micky.

But when the door had shut on the man's square figure Micky threw up his arms with a gesture of despair.

And what now? What now?

When he left this room three hours ago it had been with the determination to put the past behind him for ever and forge fresh ties for himself; and what had he done? Only walked more deeply into his quixotism and seriously compromised the woman he loved.

He had said that she was his wife; it gave him a little thrill to remember that a dozen of his acquaintances had heard him say it, and were probably even now spreading the story of his marriage far and wide. Soon it would reach the ears of his friends, and then... Micky winced as if he had been struck.

She would never forgive him—never understand why he had done it; never see that it had all been because of his love for her and the passionate desire to save her even a breath of scandal.

He paced up and down the room in despair. He had failed all round; even love and desperation had not been able to teach or help him.

He thought suddenly of June; June who, with all her bluntness and the way in which she pretended to despise sentiment and the romance of life, had a great heart and a deep understanding.

She would not want explanations; she would know why he had done it, and sympathise.

## "MY WHOLE LIFE IS YOURS."

BUT June was obviously not the one concerned. It was not to June that he must confess what he had done, but to a girl whose coldness had held him at arms' length in spite of his most passionate and earnest pleading.

He tried to imagine how she could see the look of anger that would fill her pretty eyes—the way she would turn on him and drive him away. Why were not all women like June? he wondered. If only he could see the look of love June or wanted to marry her.

The clock in his room struck twelve; too late to do anything to-night, at all events. He remembered that he still wore his overcoat; he took it off and clutched it into a chair. The sight of his evening clothes brought back the memory of Marie—Marie as she had looked when he found her alone in the drawing-room that night; Marie as she had looked when he had left her alone in the little ante-room at the Hoopers' and gone out with murder in his heart to find Ashton.

He stopped dead in his pacing and stared at his shadowy self in the glass above the shelf.

"Oh, you cad—you cad!" he said with a groan.

To-night he was at the end of his tether; he felt as if he could not bear his own company. Life was an insupportable burden, and he sat down at his desk and leaned his head in his hands. He thought of Ashton and bit his lip till it bled. He wished he had killed the brute.

He cursed himself for ever having made a friend of such a man.

He thought of the first night he had ever seen Esther; of the letter he had written to her sitting here at this very desk. He raised his head. A century ago it seemed, surely! a lifetime ago that, out of a deepening pity for her, he had started on this foolhardy journey to where he stood to-day.

He had not helped her, and he had ruined his own life; he had squandered himself; he had been so thoroughly down and out; it seemed preposterous that a man of the world such as he was had not been able to bend this girl to his will.

He sat staring moodily before him; his whole life seemed to spell failure. Even his money he owed to the skill and wisdom of someone else, and money was all he had.

With sudden impulse he seized his pen. He opened the blotter and found some paper. He began to write.

For the first few moments he hardly knew what he wrote. It was only when he reached the end of the first page that he seemed to realise with a start what he had done. He looked back at the written lines before him with something of a shock. There was no beginning to the letter, no date or address; it simply started off as if the pen had been guided by some invisible hand, and he had no desperate need.

"I don't know what you will think when you get this letter. I am writing it because to-night I think I am half-mad. I love you so much; there seems nothing in the whole world that counts any more now that I am beginning to understand that I cannot have you—that I never shall have you. Esther, I ask you on my heart's knees to listen to what I have to say. I've tried to keep you, I've tried to forget you. I've put you out of my heart and persuaded myself that I do not care—that it's nothing to me where you are and what you are doing. Yesterday, when I saw you again, I knew what a fool I was to try to delude myself. I love you; I know you are nothing for me, but that makes no difference. I shall love you till I die and afterwards. To-night I have done an unpardonable thing for your sake—I have explained things so badly, I am only hoping that you will understand a little and try and make some excuse for me. Someone knows we were together in Paris—I need not tell you who. To-night, at a house where I was, he had told several people that you and I had gone to Paris together."

Micky had gone on writing rapidly now—he seemed to have lost himself in a sea of eloquence; his heart was pleading with the woman he loved through the poor medium of a sheet of unaddressed paper.

"It nearly drove me mad to hear you spoken of by him. There was a scene, and I knocked him down... you will hate me for this, but I would have killed him if they had let me. I told them afterwards that you were my wife—Esther! Esther! try and understand how I have suffered all these weeks—I told them that we had been married some time, and that it had been kept secret by your own wish. It is only now, when I am more sane and can think clearly, that I see what I have done. You don't care for me, and I have compromised you even more than that man did by his lying insinuations. Tell me what I am to do—anything, anything in the world. My whole life is yours to do with as you will. Be my wife, dear, be my wife..."

For a moment the pen faltered, but Micky went on again with an effort.

"I will stay in London twenty-four hours for your answer, and then, if I don't hear..."

The pen faltered again, and stopped.

"It never, never, brokenly—Esther—"

It almost sounded as if she were there in the room with him, and as if he were pleading with her once again for the happiness she had so often denied.

There will be another fine instalment to-morrow.

## FIRE-IRONS THREAT.

### Wife's Tale of Husband Who Had "Gone to the Dogs."

In the Divorce Court yesterday Mr. Justice Hill heard the suit for divorce of Mrs. Lena-Marion Pullinger against her husband, Mr. David John Pullinger, on the grounds of his alleged cruelty and misconduct.

The court charge against Mr. Pullinger of misconduct with Lieutenant John Charles Ferguson, Northumberland Hussars, was not persisted in.

Mrs. Pullinger was married at Newcastle on July 30, 1902, and for about nine years after the marriage Mr. Pullinger ill-treated his wife—threatened her with a knife and struck her.

As to the misconduct alleged, a child was born to Miss French on June 25, 1901, her name in the register being given as Evelyn Emma Pullinger, formerly French, and the father's as David John Pullinger.

While Mr. Pullinger lived with his wife he used to visit Miss French at her flat in London. Mrs. Pullinger said that while living with her husband at Moray Lodge, Kensington, he came in at three o'clock one morning and threatened to knock her brains out with the fire-irons. He afterwards admitted he had "gone to the dogs" with another woman.

Lieutenant Ferguson denied misconduct between himself and Mrs. Pullinger.

His Lordship granted a decree nisi, with costs, and custody of the children, subject to the case being in the list again to-day.

The husband's petition was dismissed, respondent receiving his costs.



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Mr. Thomas Hardy, O.M., who has written a column in advocacy of National Service.



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#### Bagdad.

BAGDAD HAS FALLEN. And I am in the happy position of being able to say, "I told you so—last Thursday." Do not be surprised if you hear of other, and even more significant, developments on the Eastern front within the next few days.

#### Glad Tidings.

I AM TOLD that Sir Pertab Singh brought the news to his hotel, which is not far from Hyde Park Corner. He had just returned from meeting the Maharajah of Bikanir—who has arrived in London for the Imperial Conference—and he communicated the good news to the other occupants of the hotel. A cheerful evening followed, and a lady who was present tells me that she never heard Sir Pertab in better form.

#### A Lover of Horses.

BY THE WAY, I saw Sir Pertab yesterday morning. He was looking remarkably fit, despite his seventy-five years. When in England his favourite pastime is riding in the Row, where he may often be seen. He is a great lover of horses, and has bought six whilst he has been in this country.

#### A Gigantic Crime.

WHEN THE TURK is kicked out of Europe he will celebrate his departure with the best "Kultur." A friend who knows Constantinople well tells me that the Turks have resolved to burn the city before leaving. This would be one of the most stupendous crimes of history, but the Turks' plan may be interfered with by the Allies.

#### Irish Self-Government.

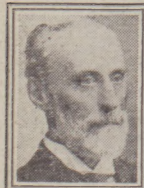
I AM TOLD that in Ireland much support is forthcoming for Mr. Asquith's suggestion that a small Commission, embracing certain members of the approaching Imperial Conference, should be appointed to frame a scheme for Irish Government. It is thought, however, that the Commission should consist entirely of members of the self-governing Dominions and that they should make a complete tour of the country.

#### Dublin's "Wee Orator."

DR. LORCAN SHERLOCK is the "wee orator of Dublin." Three times Lord Mayor of the city, he has been responsible for many municipal improvements. Once he spoke at a meeting with Mr. Asquith and Mr. Redmond. A listener was asked which of the three was the best speaker. "Well," was the reply, "I would not like to say; but it wasn't Asquith and it wasn't Redmond."

#### An Optimist.

LORD HALIFAX must be described as an optimist. He still thinks there may be a practical solution of the Irish problem. "Appoint a junta under the presidency of the Duke of Connaught to govern Ireland"—that is his suggestion. It may not be so impracticable as it sounds. Indeed, I am inclined to think that a very large number of non-extremists of both the Unionist and Nationalist Parties would welcome an experiment along these lines.



Lord Halifax.

A Great Churchman. A TALL, VENERABLE FIGURE, Lord Halifax has been for many years the most prominent layman in the Church of England. He is a vigorous protagonist of the "High" Church party, which owes much to his powerful advocacy. As president of the English Church Union, he has fought steadfastly against Welsh Disestablishment.

# TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

#### Wearing of the Green.

THE ill-luck superstition that prevented most women from wearing green seems to have died. Dining at Claridge's on Sunday night, I noticed that the Princess of Monaco, who was with the Duchess of Rutland, wore a jade plaque. Lord Reading's young daughter-in-law wore faint jade beads to match her apple-green gown, and Miss Betty Balfour wore a string of beads over her black gown.

#### For Charity.

AFTERWARDS we listened to the excellent concert arranged by Mrs. Claude Beddington and Miss Lily Elsie, who sang to us. She wore a chaplet of green leaves with her Greek gown. She sang some of her Daly's songs, including "A Night in Bohemia," and looked every whit as fascinating as when she charmed the audience there.

#### A Regency George.

I MET the late Sir George Chetwynd on several occasions. He was one of the few men who could at times wear a bottle-blue evening dress coat and yet not look theatrical. His whole figure recalled the Regency.

#### Would Have Fought.

HIS £20,000 LIBEL action against the Jockey Club, which earned him a farthing and no end of notoriety, was really a sort of Regency "duel." I'm sure Sir George would



Miss Fay Compton, who is appearing in "The Professor's Love Story," at the Savoy (Barony).

have waived his claim altogether had he been allowed to settle the matter with pistols or swords, or even the "raw" uns.

#### An Old-Time Beauty.

WHEN I SAW his wife (she died ten years ago) she was already old. Somebody mentioned that as the Marchioness of Hastings she had been perhaps the most famous beauty of our times. Young people stared at her early photographs and looked incredulous. The beauty of one generation is often an enigma to the next.

#### Greek—but Pro-Ally.

DURING the Duchess of Albany's recent illness she had no more faithful attendant than Lady Moreton, who has long been the Duchess's devoted friend. Lady Moreton is the wife of Sir Richard Moreton and sister-in-law to Lord Ducie. She is a Greek by birth and resents greatly the attitude of the Greek Government towards the Allies.

#### Confirmation Economy.

THAT ENERGETIC CLERIC the new Vicar of Brixton has been urging upon his confirmation candidates the undesirability of wearing new dresses for the confirmation ceremony. A very sensible piece of war economy.

#### An Episcopal Snub.

AFTER ALL, confirmation is a religious service, though many people seem to forget this. I remember, many years ago, a girl presenting herself for confirmation at a church in a small Surrey town, attired in evening dress! The scandalised Bishop refused to administer the rite, and the girl had, presumably, to wait for the next confirmation.

#### To the Rescue.

THE PETROL RESTRICTIONS are proving a hardship to the wounded, as motor drives are curtailed, and some of the worst cases cannot be accommodated in a taxicab. Mlle. Gina Palermo came to the rescue of one man who needed fresh air to fortify him for another operation. She drove him to Hampstead in her own little car.

#### The Slump.

THERE can be no doubt about the theatrical slump which is being experienced just now. I shall not be surprised if the present season comes to be known as the Shut-Up Spring so far as the theatres are concerned. Is it wholly due to Lent? I wonder.

#### New Play—Some Day—at Princes.

WHEN "The Catch of the Season" ceases to catch on at the Princes—when, I said—you will find Mr. Seymour Hicks producing a new musical comedy. This will be the first show of its type to be written by Mr. Herman Darewski.

#### Rumour and Gaby.

I HEARD a lot of talk during the week-end about the new play in which Mlle. Gaby Deslys is going to appear in London. She and the new show will be seen in the West End ere long.

#### "Mr. Kellogg."

SOME of the insurance offices know very little about the theatre world. A letter from one was received at the London Hippodrome addressed to "Shirley Kellogg, Esquire." The enclosed circular began: "Are you a man—are you a father of a family?" The answer, as the Government would say, is in the negative.

#### 33 to 1.

IN APPRECIATION of their enthusiasm at rehearsals of "Hanky-Panky," Jan Oy-rave gave a luncheon yesterday to his thirty-two dancers and his pianist in a Soho restaurant. Thirty-three girls sang "He's a jolly good fellow" to the only man in the room.

#### A Glimpse Into the Future?

MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN tells us that expensive productions are not in the national interest. With theatrical announcements in future run along these lines: "Keep away! Patriotic review. Small cast. Smaller salaries. The biggest failure in town?"



Miss Daphne Compton, who is to marry Captain Cecil Green, of the Coldstream Guards.

#### Early Volunteers.

EARLY VOLUNTEERS for National Service were some members of the Women Signallers' Territorial Corps. I saw one of the corps' commandants applying at St. Ermin's on her way to instruct a platoon of soldiers in the art of effective signalling.

#### Strawberries at 2s. 6d. Each.

I SHOULD LIKE to learn the identity of the wartime economist who will eat the hothouse strawberries I saw sold in Covent Garden yesterday. A well-known retailer bought a pound of the fruit at a price that works out at 2s. 6d. per strawberry!

#### A New Engagement Ring.

A FRIEND whose fiancé has won the Military Cross has a novel engagement ring. It is a tiny diamond-studded replica of the M.C. on a narrow band of platinum.

#### The Gentlemanly Touch.

A FRENCH PROVINCIAL newspaper prints this advertisement from a food-hog:—"Gentleman, very hearty eater, gravely affected by the new food regulations, seeks two messmates who, for fair payment, will join him at meals and transfer to him their portions of meat."

#### "Tommy's" "Hold Up" a "Bus."

I SAW a disabled motor-omnibus in Brompton-road the other day which had collided with a motor tractor. Most of the windows were broken and the footboard was gone. The stairs, in lieu of other support, were balanced on the shoulders of two "Tommy's" while the marooned "fares" alighted.

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The constable wants to see the photograph.

### CONGRATULATED BY A SOLDIER PATIENT.



Miss M. Heather-Bigg, of Charing Cross Hospital, being congratulated yesterday by a wounded soldier on winning the Royal Red Cross 1st Class.

### NETTING THE LONDON PARKS FOR FISH.



The boys did not know before there were such fine fish in the lake.

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Captain Selden H. Long, M.C., R.F.C., now awarded the D.S.O. He has accounted for several enemy machines.



Gathering in the fish in the presence of an interested crowd.

Nearly all the London park waters are being netted for fish. These are scenes at Clissold Park yesterday.—(Daily Mirror photographs.)